

>At 10:30 his neighbor heard screams (but no shots) and went out to summon the police. A police officer happened to be nearby and rushed to the scene.

>the officer tried the front door but found it locked from the inside. He tried the back door but found it also had been locked from the inside.

>Testing the windows, he found them all nailed shut on the inside. There was no way a person could have left the premises without locking a door or window on the inside while standing outside.

>the windows were too small for an adult to squeeze through, the officer broke a window and then asked a small boy to climb through it and unlock the front door.

>The officer was then able to get into the apartment and survey the scene.

>Isidor Fink lay on the floor with three gunshot wounds: two to the chest and one to the wrist.

>it was impossible for a second person to have been in the room, so the police immediately suspected suicide.

>But there was no gun anywhere on the premises.

>No money or valuables were stolen, so it didn't appear that robbery had been the motive.

>Fingerprints were taken but the only ones found were Isidor Fink's.

>The crime was now clearly a homicide but how did the murderer get into the apartment? And, more puzzling, how did he get out? And what was the motive?

>Desperate by now, the police searched the premises for a hidden opening in the walls of the apartment.

>No secret doors were found.

>Somehow a person had gained entrance into the locked apartment, murdered Fink, and left through an exit that was not a

door or a window.